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CONSTRUCTION OF EARTHQUAKE RESISTANT HOUSES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a national scheme for constructing earthquake resistant houses;

(b) if so, whether the Government also proposes to make important buildings that fall in seismic zone into earthquake resistant;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the buildings identified and the cities/seismic zones selected for the purpose;

(e) the time by which the said scheme is proposed to be launched; and

(f) the funds earmarked for launching such a scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(f): There is no proposal to launch any national scheme for constructing earthquake resistant houses. However, an Urban Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction Project has been taken up as a pilot project under the Disaster Management Programme. The Project covers 38 cities falling in seismic zones III, IV & V which have a population of more than 5 lakhs each. Steps have also been initiated to ensure that disaster resistant features as per the BIS norms for safe construction are incorporated in planning, design and construction of all new facilities and structures to be built under various schemes of the Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation.